

SOMERSET BEACH DARKEY HEAVEN

Thousands of Negroes Swarm
There on Excursion

EFFECT ON LOCAL DARKIES

Many Travel Long Distances to
Be There, and None Will
Work Those Days.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
COMON, VA., June 24.—When it was
found several years ago that Somerset
Beach, on the Potomac River, in this
King George county, would not develop
into a popular summer resort for white
people, as Colonial Beach had done, the
promoters leased it to colored people in
Washington city; and almost immediately
large excursion parties of that race
were organized for frequent trips down
the river to the prospective resort.

In a short time, the colored people in
the rural districts became intensely in-
terested in the place, and great num-
bers of them traveled long distances on
"excursion days" to meet and mingle
with the city "beach" people. Interest
and enthusiasm grew, and now
Somerset Beach is the "garden spot"
of the world in the estimation of the
colored folks. Sundays are the main
excursion days, and it is very a "sight"
to see the multitudes that throng the
highways every Sunday morning, old and
young, from all sections, wending their
way towards the "beach"—some riding,
some walking, some fairly running, but
all moving in the same direction.

Sunrise finds many on the roads. Old
folks, bent with age, with Sunday coats
folded on their arms, mopping away with
great bandannas, help to swell the con-
course. Many who can't afford to buy a
mid-day lunch, carry little wafers con-
taining "something for a snack," and
many of the women folk carry the typical
country basket, which contains fried
chicken, tempting (?) cherry pies, and the
like, to "bring in a few pennies" and
"hope out on 'spenses."

It is simply amazing what great dis-
tances some of the best and fondest folk
walk to the great resort. And when the
multitude from the surrounding
country meet the multitude from the
city, like swiftly-moving thunder storms
meet, the throng at the beach cannot be
counted or even estimated by mortal
man. It is needless to say that the con-
gregation from Washington and Alexan-
dria contains a variety of people—many
besides the pious ones who conduct the
"religious exercises." It is understood
that a part of the day at the beach is
devoted to praying for the President
of the United States—praying for his
"bodily safety."

One page of The Times-Dispatch could
not contain a condensed report of one
day's "proceedings" at Somerset Beach,
and no ordinary amount of money could
induce those who habitually visit the
place on excursion days to do farm
work or anything else. They just sim-
ply can't be hired on excursion days.

Some of the best farm laborers in this
section have left the "forest" and rented
some down near the river, hard by the
beach, so that they are always on hand to
see and hear all that goes on at the
"resort."

The violent storms and frequent rains
for a week past have interfered very

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| 35c. Quinine Hair Tonic..... | 10c |
| 25c. Tragle's Carbolic Mouth Wash..... | 14c |
| \$1 Long Rubber Bath Sprays..... | 70c |
| 10c. Bromo Seltzer..... | 54c |
| 50c. Babek for Chills..... | 34c |
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| One lot 25c., 35c. and 50c. Shaving Brushes, each..... | 10c |
| 50c. Coke's Dandruff Cure..... | 34c |
| 50c. Rubber Sponges..... | 20c |
| 50c. Uncle Sam's Tar Soap..... | 34c |
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ing to Earn a Little Needed
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Famous Author and His Work.
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to Force Himself.

By W. B. Northrop.

"Anthony Hope" took care to explain,
when asked for an interview, that there
was really nothing worth talking about
in his life that it was "most ordinary,"
and he felt sure the public did not particu-
larly care to hear anything about him.

But he was decidedly mistaken; and
though we must give his modesty credit
for the mistake, still we cannot but feel
he should have a little better opinion
of himself. In these days of strenuous
interviewing, it is really refreshing to
find someone who does not consider that
an interview with him or her is the only
thing in the world that will fill "a long-
felt want."

The famous author of the "Prisoner of
Zenda," "Dolly Dialogues," and other
charming contributions to the world's
happiness, lives in a beautiful home in the
very center of London. It is not in the
"West End"—where most persons
fancy "Anthony Hope" would take up his
abode, in order to write his cloister studies
of "polite society"—but in Bloomsbury,
which is far more central; and is, in
fact, the ideal locality for a literary man
who has to live in London at all.

Mr. Hawkins—for he is known to those
who may not already be so informed,
the full name is Anthony Hope Hawkins—
has taken up his abode in a pretty square,
just round the corner from the British
Museum; and within "a stone's throw"
of all the theatres. A central location
such as this permits him to spend much
less time in going from place to place
than he would otherwise have to do,
and enables him to live in London and
be of London in every sense of the word.

It will be remembered that Charles
Dickens and Thackeray believed in stick-
ing close to the "centre" of London.
Charles Lamb could not be induced to
live in the country owing, he said, to the
lack of second-hand book talking; while
Dr. Johnson considered Fleet Street plenty
good enough for most mortals.

If Anthony Hope is carrying out this
principle, he might be said to dwell in
the very bull's eye of London. At any
rate, he has hit the mark of success,
and I am inclined to think it is be-



THE FAMOUS AUTHOR IN HIS FAVORITE SEAT.

cause he has always lived where he could
be easily reached, or where he could
easily meet those with whom he had
occasion to transact business.

Previous to taking up his residence at
41 Bedford Square, Mr. Hawkins lived
in the Savoy Mansions, Adelphi, just off
the Strand. The well-known author is
fond of quiet strolls about London streets,
and hence it is that he has never lived
outside the metropolis.

The home now occupied by the author
of the "Prisoner of Zenda" and other
popular books is a large mansion with great
square rooms, furnished, of course, with
perfect taste. On the first floor over-
looking Bedford Square is a splendid
billiard room, where the author and his
friends spend many a pleasant hour. In
the rear of the house is a tennis court,
where pleasant relaxation from toil may
be enjoyed. Other than tennis and
billiards, however, he takes little recrea-
tion, save walking, or as an occasional
absence from the city on a short vacation.

"Anthony Hope" is a tall man, with
square shoulders, his broad shoulders,
which stoop just a trifle, show him to be
studious in his habits. His face is
refined, intellectual, and very kindly;
classic of mould, and rather pale.

His manners are easy, quiet and pleas-
ant—those of the typical English gentle-
man. His voice is deep, well modulated,
and he speaks with great distinctness,
using his words without haste; almost, you
might say, as if he were writing. It is
probably due to this easy flow of correct
language that this writer has won so
much fame for themselves and their
author.

"There is really nothing very interest-
ing to say about myself," he began, when
we were seated in his study, and he
lighted a cigarette. "I lead a most ordi-
nary sort of life and cannot think of
anything that makes me any different
from anyone else."

"How was your early life spent?" he
was asked.
"I was born in London, and attended
an English public school, afterward going
to Oxford."

"There was nothing in my early career
that seemed to indicate that I would
accomplish anything in literature, or any-
thing else, for that matter. I was, in
fact, a particularly ordinary boy." Mr.
Hawkins laughed at this description of
himself and leaned back in his chair,
smoking reminiscently.

Studied for the Bar.

"After passing through Oxford, my
father, who died in 1820, sent me to the
bar, and in 1838, I joined the Middle Temple.
It takes about three years to study for
the bar in England. One regulation
which students for the bar have to com-
ply with is the eating of a certain num-
ber of dinners—the minimum being three
dinners each week.

"Don't be alarmed, and think that we
were permitted to have only three meals
during our entire term. But the dinners
I speak of had to be eaten in the dining
hall of the Temple.

"I was not, of course, so far
in London save for the occasion; as a
matter of fact I began to eat my dinners
while at Oxford.

Dinner of the Middle Temple.

"These dinners in the Middle Temple
are rather unique affairs, and quite a
hail of ancient custom has been thrown
around them. The dinners were divided into
innings of four each; and so far
messing together who were known to
each other—altogether very pleasant
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students were hunting conies across the
river, and the porter had to call them
in with a horn. There are many other
very old customs still in vogue which
carry you back to ancient times.

Admitted to the Bar.

"I was called to the bar in due course,
and up to 1834 or '35, remained in prac-
tice. Most of my work was with cor-
poration law. I am very fond of the
study of law as a science, and am in-
clined to think had I obtained a large
practice, quickly I would never have
abandoned it. I still keep up my legal
studies to a certain extent, reading law
occasionally for the enjoyment it affords
me."

"How is it," the author was asked,
"that you happened to give up law for
literature?"
"Well, when studying in a lawyer's
office, before passing the bar, I had
considerable time on my hands. In
those days, many young students, and
even some of the men who had passed
the bar, frequently wrote for publica-
tion. Many a guinea was thus brought
into the coffers, and extra guineas al-
ways were acceptable; at least, we
found them so."

First Essay at Literature.

"When about twenty-six or seven, I
found I had more time on my hands than
I could employ to advantage and I used
to write a little. My first lengthy at-
tempt was a book called 'Man of Mark.'
It was about 60,000 words long. The
book was more or less of a speculation
on my part, and a publisher brought it
out on commission."

"How is it you adopted the name
'Anthony Hope' instead of your full
name?"

"It was not because I considered 'An-
thony Hope' a better name than my full
title," replied the author, "but, in those
days—and, indeed, even now, it is con-
sidered somewhat out of the usual way
for legal men to work at anything other
than the law; and many who went in
for literature, as it were, adopted nom-
de-plume. I took the first two words
of my name and have kept them ever
since."

Will Never Return to Law.

"Do you think you will ever return
to the law?"
"Oh! no—not now," said Mr. Hawkins,
decidedly. "After I began writing a
little, I found that the time came when
I had to choose between writing and the
bar—and I have made my choice."

"I do not mean to say that I suc-
ceeded so rapidly in literature that I soon
abandoned the law. For some time I
did not make any great success—nothing
at least to justify me in giving up my
profession. In 1830, I published 'Father
Stafford,' and had written a number of
sketches. Until after the publication of
'Father Stafford' I did not begin to see
my way clearly in literature."

"And they, one day, as I was walking
from my office to the law, I took the
idea for the 'Prisoner of Zenda' came
into my mind; and, shortly afterward,
I wrote the book. That story 'caught
on very well; and, after that, I found
my name more or less in request."

"I have reached the point where I had
to choose between book writing and law
practice. Literature was taking up much
of my time; and I finally concluded that
the pen was mightier than the law, so
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His Method of Working.

"Once the plan of a story has out-
lined itself, however, I generally man-
age to keep at it until the book is
written. I write out everything myself,
as I find I can compose better that
way."

All the while he had been talking,
Mr. Hawkins had managed to keep his
cigarette going steadily. I asked him
if he used tobacco to a large extent.

"Yes; I smoke a good deal—pipes,
cigarettes, anything."

"During the course of the interview,
Mrs. Hawkins entered the room. She
was formerly a Miss Sheldon, of New
York. She is tall and strikingly hand-
some—just the person you would have
imagined 'Anthony Hope' to have chosen,
judging from descriptions in some of
his books."

"Anthony Hope's" life, since he has
become a successful author, has undoubt-
edly been a very pleasant one. Mr. and
Mrs. Hawkins are much sought after
by the clever set of English society.

Among "Anthony Hope's" most suc-
cessful books are the "Prisoner of Zenda,"
"The God in the Car," "Dolly Dialogues,"
"Rupert of Hentzau," "The King's Mir-
ror," "Quisante," "Tristram of Blent,"
and "The Intrusion of Peggy." Besides
book writing he has turned out some
very good plays, notably, "The Adventure
of Lady Ursula," and "Pilkerton's Peer-
age." His best work is yet before him,
as he is only in his forty-second year.

Alfonso's First Speech.

When King Alfonso XIII. was a baby
he presided for the first time at the
opening of the Cortes. For a while he sat
on his nurse's knee, and shook his head
at the assembly. Parliamentary in-
stitutions bored him, and at last he lifted
his voice and screamed. An eye-witness
declares that no member of the Cortes
shared the opinions of Talleyrand, who

said that he loved babies only when
they cried, because somebody was sure
to take them away. Besides, it would
have been unconstitutional to order the
King of Spain out of his own Parlia-
ment. In this crisis the sagacity of his
mother relieved the anxiety of the states-
men. She took the infant sovereign in
her arms, and he acquiesced in the sub-
sequent proceedings. The hand that rocks
the cradle rules the world.

When Life Goes Out.

Our lives go out with fleeting years.
How soon our dreams are past.
In life we hope with trembling fears,
To make our anchors fast.
Aye, fast to that fair land of love,
The home beyond the sky.
There's happiness and peace above,
This land where mortals die.

Though mortals die, they'll live again.
Immortal forms will take
And bliss will be their portion when
In that fair clime they wake.
Fair flowers on the hillside glow,
God's emblem of the pure,
And though they die when rude winds
blow,
Their sweetness will endure.

And if our lives be fashioned right,
Amidst temptations strong
We'll leave an ever-burning light,
When we have joined His throng.
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